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In re Application of :
DeHaan, et al. :
Application No.: 10/644,262 : ON PETITION
Filed: August 21, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No: 7150.02.01 :
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed January 26, 2006.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **granted**.

On November 14, 2003, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" (the "Notice") was mailed by the Office allowing a two-month period for reply. Extension of time were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The Notice required payment of the filing fee, surcharge and additional claim fees. A proper reply was not received within the allowable period, and the application became abandoned on January 15, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 27, 2004.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply form the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

The filing fee, claim fees, and surcharge were received on January 26, 2006.

The "Change of Correspondence Address" filed January 26, 2006, is noted and made of record.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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